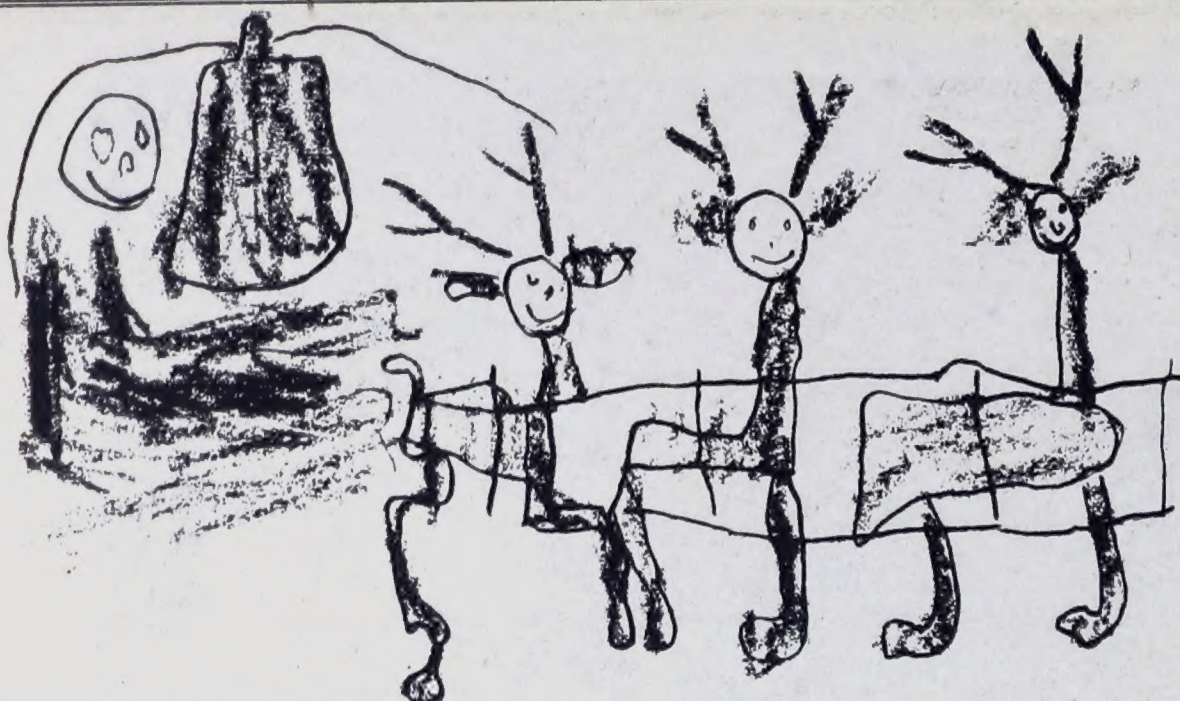




Seasons
Greetings

The Times



**JOY
TO
ALL**
Thanks for
being such dear
customers. We're
proud to serve you.

SHELL SERVICE CENTRE
MINDEN
Lewis Stevens - Les Hogg -
Dave Lester - Debbie Stevens
and gas jockies

Christmas is when Rudolph leads the sleigh: Jason.

Santa Comes And Goes

Here comes Santa to the
house
Nothing was stirring not
even a mouse
Then Santa leaves gifts
and blows his nose
And with a nod, he goes.

Tanya Willis
6A

Christmas At Our House

Christmas at our
house is lots of fun. The
best part is waking up
and finding that Santa
Claus has been there
and left the presents we
wanted. Each year our
Christmas is better. We
have a big turkey with
stuffing and crisp brown
potatoes. We all open
our presents and have a
Merry Christmas.

Angalo Miscio
6A

The True Meaning of Christmas

Our Saviour the Christ
was born in Bethlehem.
He died on a cross to
save our sins. He helped
all the sick people and
stayed with all the poor
people. I'm glad He was
born, aren't you!

Marjorie Phillips
3B

Frying Pan

There once was an old
man
Who ate a frying pan
He said it was rotten
Because it was cotton
Then he ate raisin bran.

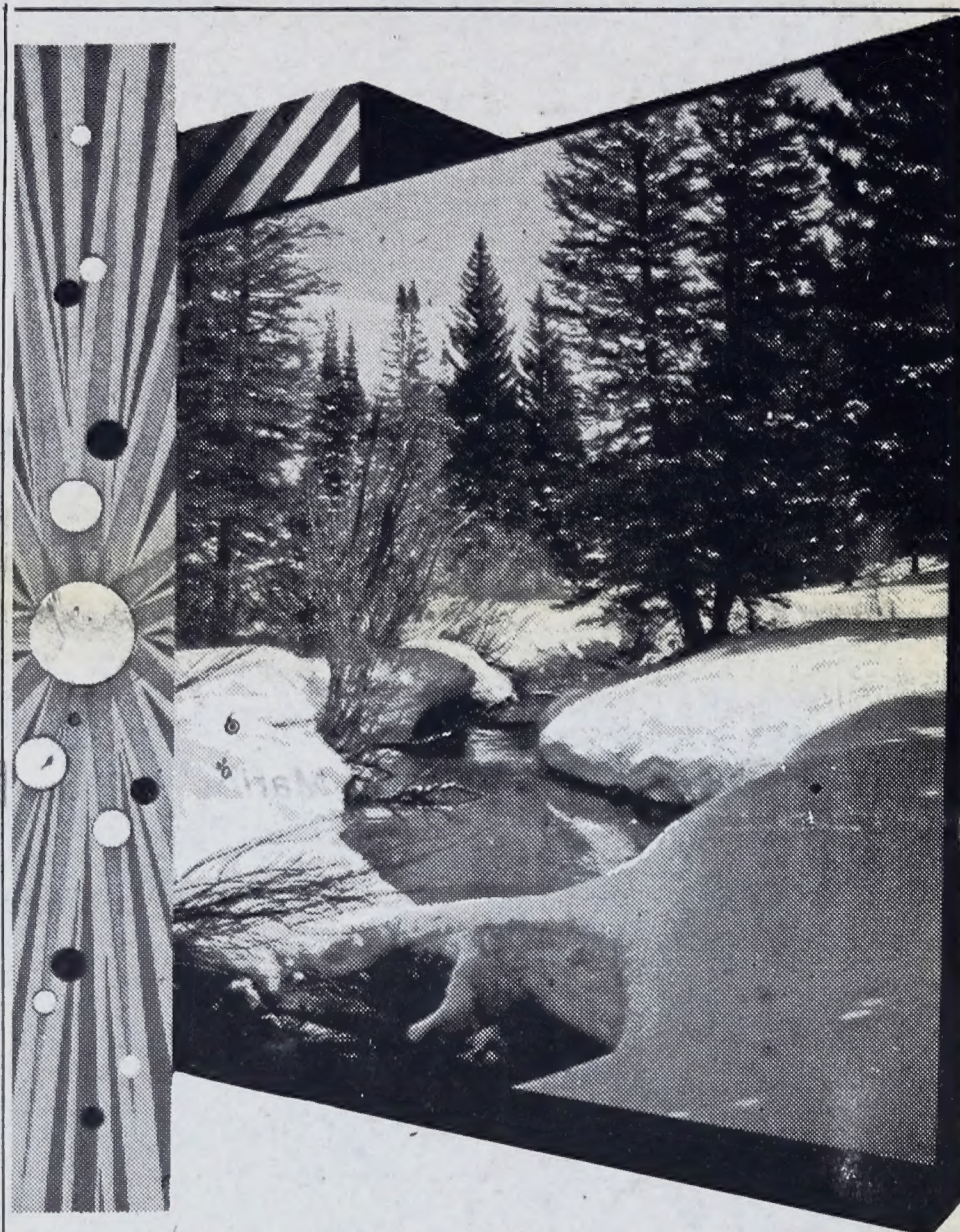
Myles Johnston
6A



A Christmas Wish

We wish our friends and patrons the
merriest Christmas ever and a holiday
season filled with good cheer. Our grateful
thanks to all.

**Canadian
Imperial Bank
of Commerce**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The freshness of new fallen snow
awakens deep reflections of holiday sentiments.
We express the hope that good will and brotherhood prevail
to bring lasting peace among us. The best of the season
to you and sincere thanks for your loyalty.

**Iris and John Eakins, M.P.P.
and family**

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO
ALL!**

... And to all a Bright
Holiday Season! Thanks.

**Jerry's
Barber Shop**

— Minden —



Children taking part in the St. Paul's Anglican Church Christmas pageant form a circle around Mary and Joseph and their newborn child as the presentation comes to a close. The youngsters enacted the Jesse Tree, a play which traces the lineage of Jesus.

Thank you

Once again we asked the students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden to provide us with material for our special Christmas Greeting section. Once again, the youngsters came through with flying colours. On these pages you will find letters to Santa, youthful impressions of the festive season in prose and poetry, and drawings depicting the delight children see and have in Christmas. Our only regret is that we were unable to use all the material which was offered.

Our thanks to the many students who donated their work for this edition. We know our readers will appreciate the interesting point of view provided by the children.



HOWEVER
YOU SPEND
YOUR HOLIDAY,
WE'RE SENDING
YOU OUR
BEST WISHES!

**A Very
Merry
Christmas**

**W.M. JACKSON
PLUMBING**
— Minden —

CHRISTMAS

Enjoy peace at
heart and hearth
for Christmas.
Warm thanks.

Minden Marine
Highway 35 & 35B

**THE BROWN OWL
RESTAURANT** wishes you

a
bag full of
Christmas
greetings &
best wishes for
the new year.

We will be closed
December 25, 26, 27 & January 1.

**OUR wish for you is
THAT THE TRUE SPIRIT OF
THIS HOLY DAY REACHES
DEEP DOWN IN YOUR
SOULS AND FINDS QUIET
CONTENTMENT. A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO
YOU AND YOURS!**

from the staff at

STEDMANS

Vince & Rose Connaughan, Shirley Walker, Jean McKelvey,
Blanche O'Reilly, Joanne Cubbidge and Harold Cowan.

I Like Christmas

I like Christmas because it has lots of presents and I like a Christmas tree. But really I like Santa Claus best of all. And one more thing, that's the snow.
Merry Christmas everybody!

Carol Forrest
2B

Christmas At Our House

Christmas at my house is fun. I like it best when I get up. I run to the front room and dump out my stocking. When my mom and dad get up we open our presents. Later in the day we go up to our grampa and grama's place and have supper. Christmas is fun.

Chris Sanders
6A

Dear Santa,

I would like a Duke car, a Rubik's cube and an Oiler's shirt and some mitts. Could I please have a three wheel dirt bike?

Geoff Bunn
3B

Dear Newspaper,

When I go downtown I see your lights on the tree. I think they look very pretty.
When I see lights on a tree they make me laugh and sing.

Teresa Short
2B

JOY IS  **Wishing you the happiest of holidays!**

Albert and Dora
WAGON WHEEL RESTAURANT & MOTEL



Christmas Greetings



With grateful thanks to our friends for the pleasure and privilege of serving you.

Godoot ski-doo
Paul & Steve
PRENTICE ROADS
Management and Staff

Sincere thanks to you, our loyal friends and patrons, for your kindness and support throughout the year.



Minden Auto Parts

GREETINGS



We're in a spin over this happy holiday! May you enjoy the merriest Christmas ever.

John & Molly and the staff at
K & W Restaurant
Minden

If your holiday is anything like you are, its bound to be unbeatable! Kris Kringle and we wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



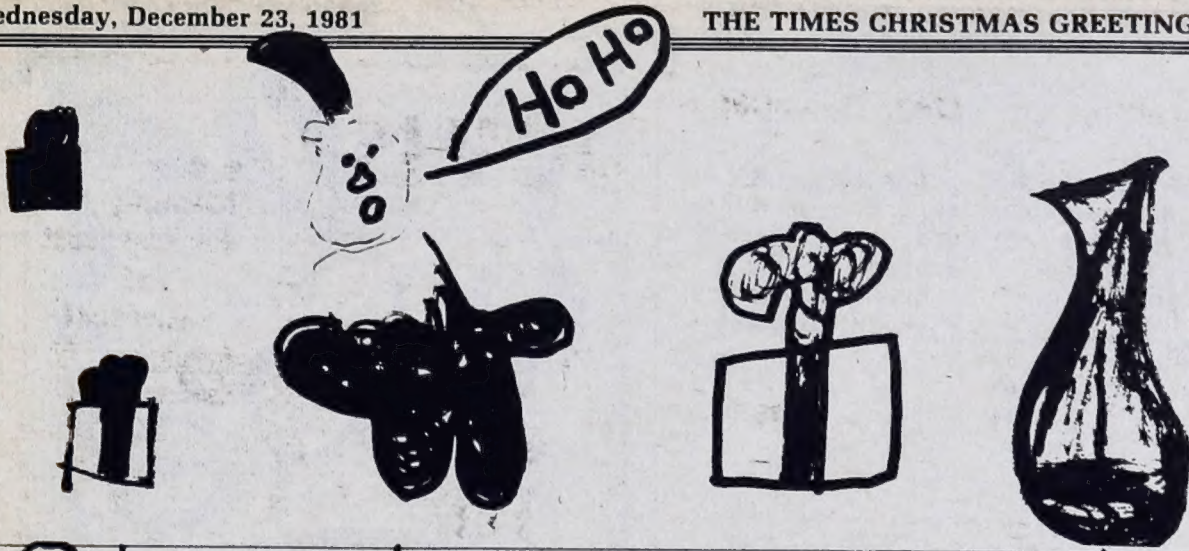
G. Glass Products
Tom, Merv & staff

Merry Christmas



May your Christmas be abundant with all good things. Thanks.

Martha & Emily
Sandalwood Gifts
Minden



Christmas is when
Santa gives all the
toys to good
children on
Christmas Eve
Corbie



Christmas

May it be decked out with love,
wreathed in peace and illuminated
with joy and laughter. Many
thanks to all of you.

the management
and staff
at **Mae's**
Main Street Minden
NOTE: We're closed Christmas Day

JOY

"... And the glory of
the Lord shall be
redeemed!" Rejoice
on this day!



**Terri's Thrift
Shop**
St. Germaine St., Minden

**it's
Christmas!**

We hope you enjoy
a wonderful holiday
filled with merriment
and glee, from start
to finish. Thanks all.



The Management & staff
MINDEN I.D.A. DRUG STORE
Shirley, Corrine, Lillian, Suzanne, Cathy,
Lynda, Lorna, Janet & Paul

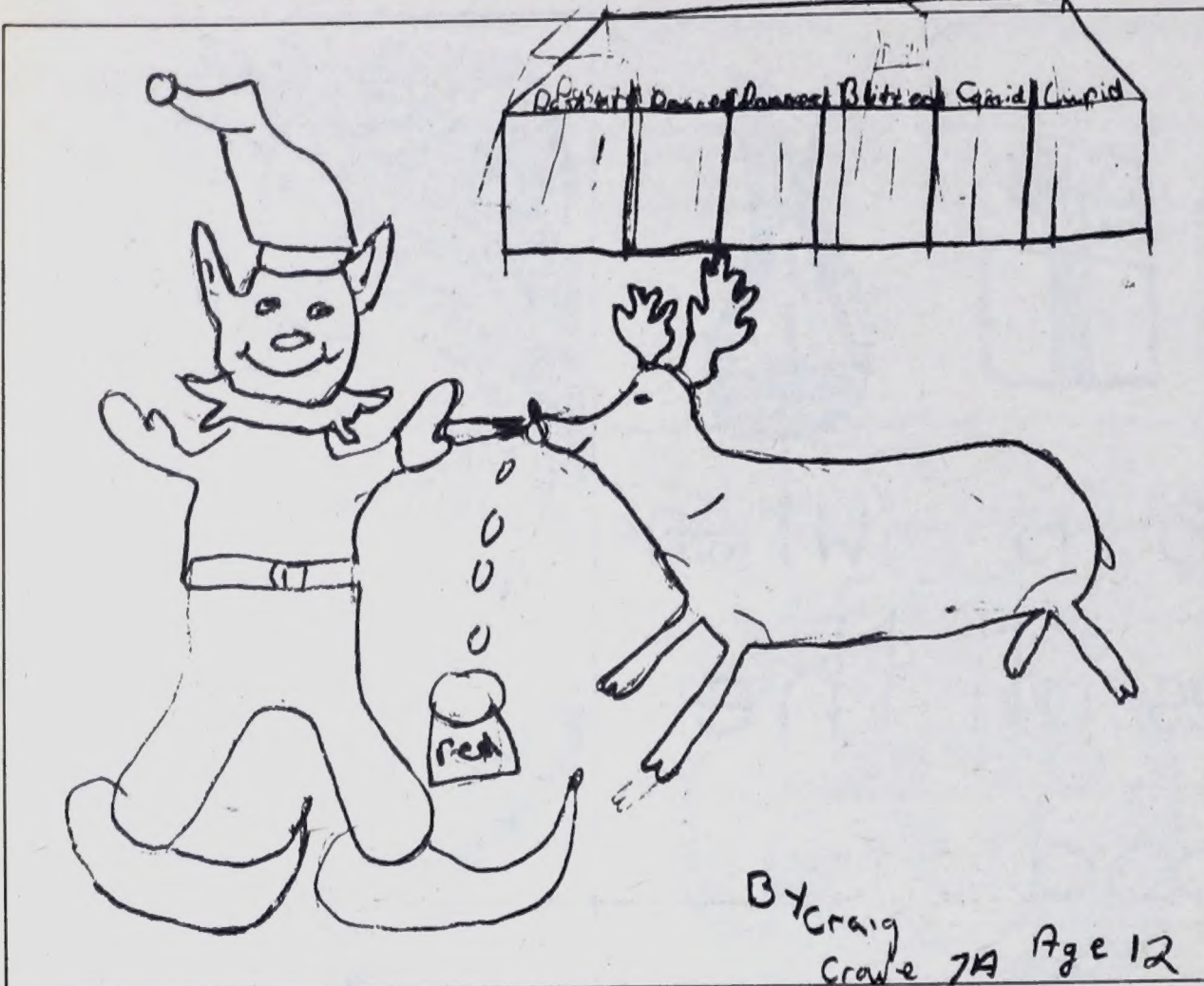


peace

Christmas is the time for togetherness.
Tenderness. Loving. And the greatest gift
of them all — peace. Live it fully this
season. Sincere gratitude to our patrons.

GULL RIVER

**BUILDING
SUPPLIES**



There's snow in the countryside, and from every house, a message of warmth and good cheer! We've enjoyed helping you with your banking this Christmas.

Christmas Dinner

The night before Christmas I could not wait
To see the turkey on my plate.
And the peas always please me and so does the corn.
And I even wish there were more potatoes born.

Mairead Cavanagh
3B

A Blue Jay

I wish I was a blue jay,
Flying through the sky,
Seeing all my friends
Wearing blue and purple ties.

Kelsey Newbatt
3B

Christmas Is Coming

Christmas is coming.
We have put up our tree.
Our stockings are hung.
Christmas is coming.

Deanna Solway
2B



Merry Christmas to Everyone!



...and to all our customers, a big 'Thanks'!

Gino & Margot
Jacqueline & Corry
The Zlorjens

We're working on making this Christmas the best one yet! Thank you... everyone!

MINDEN COUNTRY MALL
Joe, Eileen, David, Kevin and Andrew Shapiera

PEACE



Let's bridge the gap this joyous holiday season as we spread the word of everlasting love.

Gord, Donna, Cam and Kirsten Monk
The Gordon A. Monk
Funeral Home



Carol-Anne Schell and Mike Elder portray the traditional creche scene during the the Hyland Crest pageant presented by staff members. The evening included lively sing-alongs, humorous skits and closed with the nativity story.



Storeroom Natural Foods

Wayne, Faye, Emily, Jamie



Cheery best wishes
for a warm and
happy holiday.

Walker's Auto Repair

Highway 35 Minden



**Joyful
GREETINGS**

It's a season rich in
brotherly love. Let's
share its joys with
one and all. Our
sincere thanks for
your kind patronage.

**GAMBELL
MOTOR
SALES**

— Minden —

286-1532



...and we take pleasure in this
opportunity to say thank you
for your continuing confidence
and trust. Best wishes to you
and your family for a happy
holiday season.

Vasey Insurance Brokers Ltd.

Minden

Haliburton



Merry Christmas...

May your holidays be adorned
with the welcome sights and sounds
of a better than ever Christmas!

Our sincere gratitude to all.

From the staff

Russ Paul Ron MacDuff
Laverne Cooney Jim Todd

Minden Texaco

To Santa,

How are you? I am fine. Can you please bring me a desk and chalk board and three packs of chalk please?

Angela Carpenter
3A

Dear Santa Claus

I have been a good girl this year. I would like a paint set and I would like a new pair of boots and I would like a very merry Christmas.

Marian Graham
3A

Dear Santa Claus

I have been a good girl this year. This is what I would like for Christmas, a Barbie doll, and Rubik's cube, and baby This and That.

Arlene Simmons
3A

Dear Santa,

Please give me a walking doll, and a little Christmas tree for Christmas, and a chalk board and a desk.

Anita Maria Shaw
3A

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I would like a remote control fat wheels and a stop police race track and a Mr. Big Bar.

P.S. I will leave you some juice and some carrots.

Hunter Obee
3A

Dear Santa Claus

I have been a good boy. I helped get the Christmas tree and put decorations on the tree.

Daniel Douglas
3A

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. How are the deer and elves?

I would like hot wheel cars and a pair of work-boots, a remote control car. I hope you can make it.

Robie Ackerblade
3A

Dear Santa Claus

Can I have these things - a Wintario ticket, a model and some Das, a goldfish, and a rubber snake, and a racing track and a doodle art and control car. Merry Christmas. Love,

Mike Muli
3A

Christmas Greetings



from the management and staff at

JOHN FRANCIS FUELS
Hwy. 35 - South of Minden

A Joyous Christmas



May the peace of God fill your hearts with love towards all mankind.

Helen & Lloyd Johnson.

GLAD TIDINGS OF THE SEASON TO ONE AND ALL!



from the management and staff of
BENNETT MOTORS
Highway 121 Haliburton

it's Christmas!



Here's to a holiday trimmed with gaiety and good cheer. Thanks to you all.

Beaverbrook Golf Club
The Stevens Family



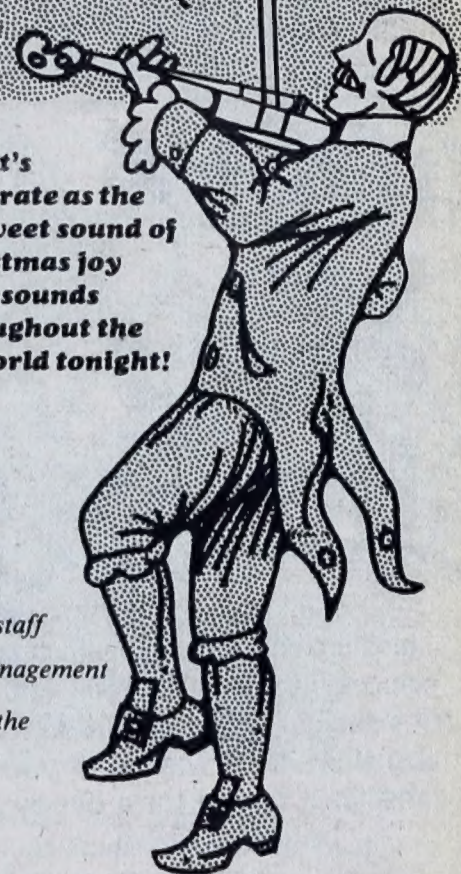
At this time, we offer our warmest regards to our good friends for a glittering season, rich with love and rejoicing.

Highlands Jewellery and China Shoppe

Sue Stewart - manager & staff

HOLIDAY CHEER!

Let's celebrate as the sweet sound of Christmas joy resounds throughout the world tonight!



the staff and management at the

DOMINION HOTEL
Minden



Christmas is when you decorate the Christmas tree: Kimmie.

Christmas

*Christmas is giving,
Christmas is love.
God gave us Jesus from
above.
To fill our hearts full of
love.*

**Jason Todd
3B**

*I like Christmas
because it is happy. I
like the presents under
the Christmas tree and
full of toys and full of
joy. Christmas is giving
and Christmas is love.*

**Dona-Lee Simmons
2B**

*Christmas is coming,
Christmas is loving,
Christmas is sharing
throughout the whole
year.*

**Jennifer Ann Purc
3B**

*Santa is coming with a
bag full of toys, to bring
you a day just bursting
with joy.*

**Darren Sawyer
3B**



Christmas Wishes

*We're hoping this will be a warm,
happy holiday . . . filled with lots of cheer!
Our gratitude for your kind support.*

**BROWN'S AUTO WRECKERS
Minden, Ontario**



**Join our
chorus of
well-wishers
for a Merry
Christmas...
filled with
joy!**

**LOVE
TO
ALL**

Varty Jewellery & Gifts Ltd.

*(Lorraine & Marvin Varty and staff)
Main Street Haliburton*

CHEERS



**That festive
holiday spirit is
in the air! With
hearts filled
with excitement,
we say
Merry Christmas,
and thanks.**

Jim Garbutt Enterprises

*Jim, Nancy, Dianne, Jay, Danny
and Janene*

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



**STROLL
THRU
THE
HOLIDAY
SEASON
WITH
GOOD
OLD
FASHIONED
CHEER!
COX'S
APPAREL
— Minden —**



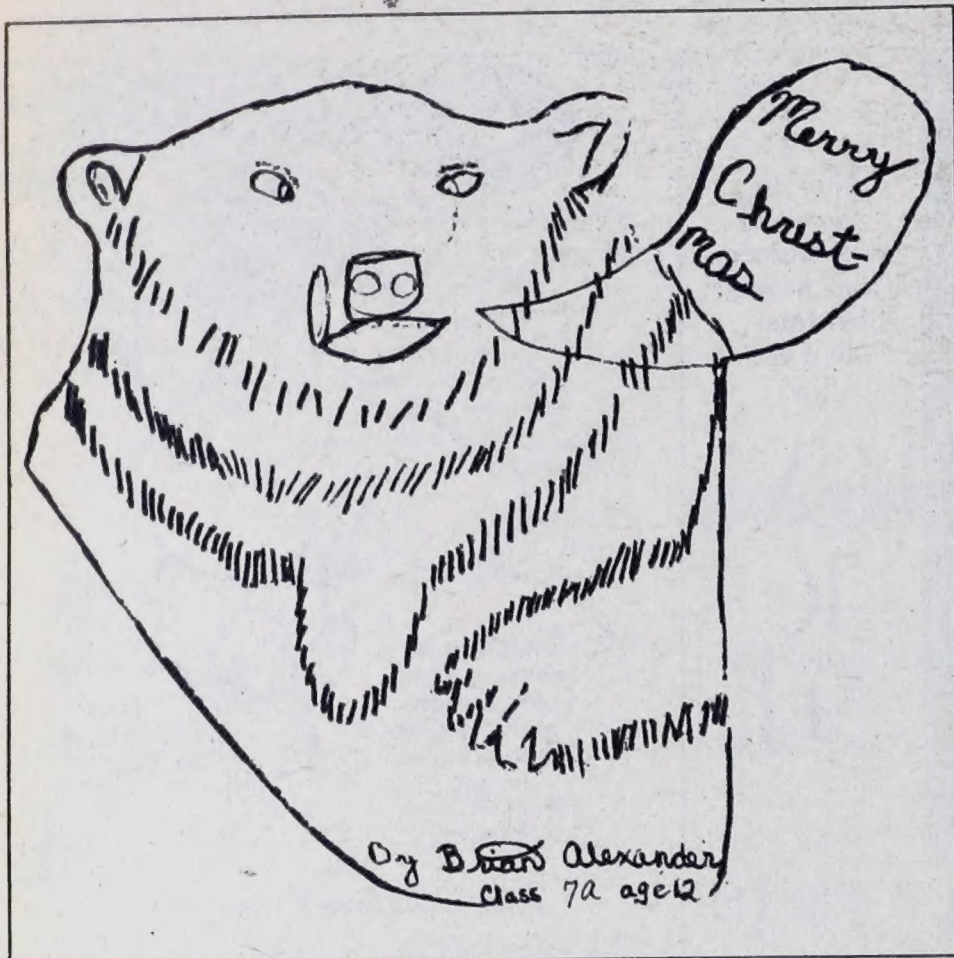
**SINCERE GOOD WISHES
FOR A JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS**

*From our family to yours: a wish
that your holidays will be filled
with all the old-fashioned joys of
Christmas.*

**HIGHLANDS
PLUMBING & HEATING**

(a division of Jack Hewson and Sons Ltd.)

Jack, Chuck, John & Jan Hewson

**Christmas Gifts**

Help your mother
Kiss your Dad
Smile at teacher
Don't be sad.

Feed the birds
Write to Grān
Say kind words
To all you can.

Keep your temper
Don't get mad
Angry people
Make God sad.

It doesn't matter
If you are poor.
If you give these gifts
You can give no more.

For baby Jesus
Gave all he had
For our Christmas
He gave his love.

Julia
Holliday-Rhodes
7A

Christmas Morn

It's Christmas morn,
The children are torn,
Waiting is hard they say.
The presents are shaken
Their parents awaken,
Oh, what a wonderful day!

Ronni Rendall
7A

The Christmas Hustle

It's Christmas time again
Don't we all know -
The hustle, the bustle,
Everyone on the go.
The list of the children,
The glisten of the snow -
It's Christmas time.
Don't we all know.

Donna Thomas
7A

Three Candles

Three bright candles burning through morn,
Burning since the day Jesus was born.
They burn through summer, spring, and fall
But, they love to burn in winter best of all.
For this is Christmas season
And they burn for a reason
Because the Babe Jesus is who they are burning for.

Vickie Martin
7A

Hi, there!
A special gift for
our customers...

**LOTS OF LUCK
AND
BEST WISHES!**

Lewis and
Jean Stevens
Don and Pat Mintz

**COME ON IN
Second Hand Store**



Let the light
of the radiant
Christmas Star
cast its glow
upon you and
those you love.

Henry & Liz Alrutz
The Corner Store
Minden



Wishing everyone the best for the Christmas season and prosperity in 1982. See you next summer.

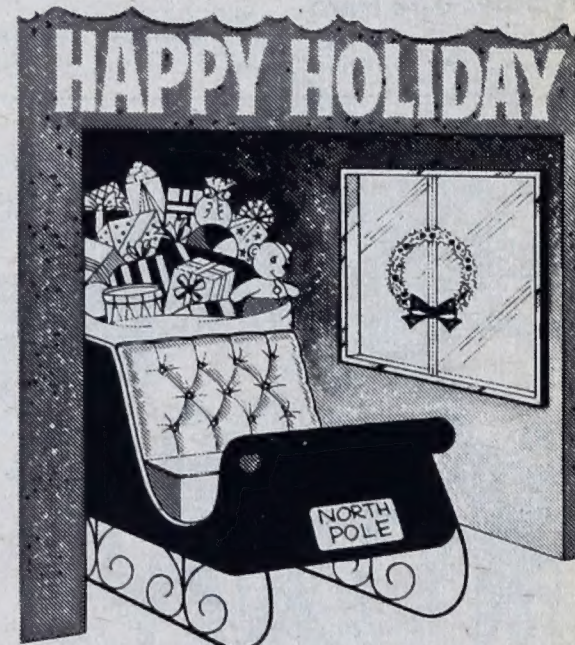
John and family at

**The Minden
Fruit Stand**

From our house
to yours, we wish you
all the best for
a joyous Noel!

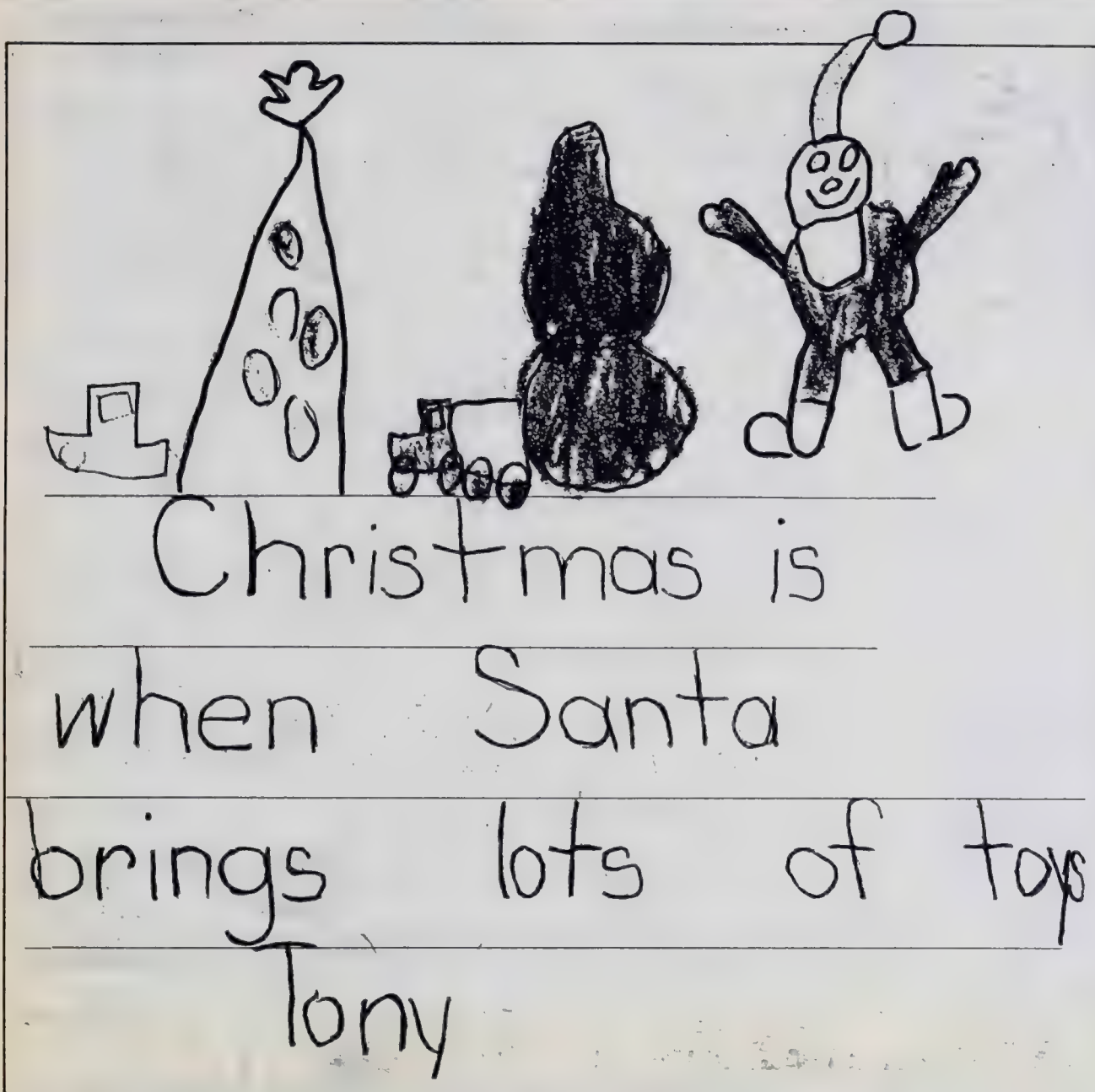
**Rosenberg's Eggs and
Feed Supply**

Highway 121 Hallburton



No matter who you are, we're the place
to stay! Hope your Christmas is filled
with every happiness.

**HIGHLANDS
MOTEL**
Gus and Inge Kasulke



Christmas

Joyful, happiness
singing, dancing, rejoicing
trees, presents, Santa, turkey
receiving, giving
colourful, beautiful
Christ

Aaron Davis
6A



May the message of hope and peace He
brought us on that first holy night
spread throughout the year.

Management & Staff

FRONTIER MOTORS
Hwy. 35, Minden

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for
Christmas. A giant
Smurf and a tape
recorder and a 18
wheeler truck with a
Duke car.

Aaron Hie
2B

A Christmas Tree

A Christmas tree. A
Christmas tree. I wish I
had a Christmas tree
with the balls of green
and red like the sun so
red. I'd love to have a
Christmas tree because
they're more than some-
thing just to see.

Jamie Dollo
3B

Dear Santa,

I would like a tape
recorder and Smurf, a
Rubik's cube. So dear
Santa how are you? I
hope you are well.
Merry Christmas.

Gregory Ackerblade
2B

fun, enjoyable
singing, dancing, rejoicing
snow, presents, Santa, receive
tasty, lovely
Christ

Tom Burk
6A



Prancing over to wish you all
the best for this Christmas Season.

Minden Boat Works
Reg & Don Booth



GREETINGS

May I wish you the very best for the Christmas
season, and may your New Year be blessed with
peace, joy and happiness.

Bill Scott, M.P.
Victoria-Haliburton



Members of the Minden Figure Skating Club keep a keen eye on Santa Claus as he hands out gifts Thursday evening. Santa, Gord Monk, made his annual visit to the club's Christmas party to distribute the surprises.

We send warmest
wishes to all our
faithful friends for a
bright, glowing holiday.



Don & Pat Campbell and staff at
**Campbell's Garden
Centre**

Santa

*There is a fat man
Who lives at the pan
He is big
He likes to jig
With his big fat hand.*

**Donna Lynn Alton
6A**

Santa Claus

*There once was a jolly
old soul
Who lived way down at
the North Pole
And his name was Santa
Clause
Who never stopped to
pause
And on his cheek he had
a big ugly mole.*

**Jodie Hancock
6A**

Dear Santa,

*How are you? I am
fine. How are your elves
doing and how are your
reindeer doing? I hope
they are not sick. I hope
you don't get sick.
Because you have to
take presents all over the
World to every kid and I
hope your wife isn't sick
because she has to
make your supper and
dinner. I wish you a
happy Christmas.
Goodbye, love*

**Jesse Hall
3A**

Santa And His Beer

*I hear an old man
And he is near
But he drinks beer
And so do the deer.*

**Terri Anderson
6A**

Christmas Cheer

*Christmas time is full of
cheer,
Peanuts, popcorn even
beer
Christmas night you can
even hear
Each little hoof of each
little deer.*

**Cindy Dunham
6A**

Remembering Christmas

*Santa is coming to you
and to me
He's sliding down your
own chimney.
I think you better go to
bed
And under the covers
hide your head.
He's got Prancer and
Vixen
Dancer and Blitzen.
On his sled he's got toys.
For you and me, the girls
and boys.
So when you wake up in
the morn
Remember Jesus was
born.*

**Lisa Tomlinson
6A**



Christmas Eve

I lie in my bed
Still not asleep
But I promised my
parents
That I would not peep.

To go down and hide
To see if he came
Would probably be
A very fun game.

I go down the stairs
And hide out of sight
And wait for Santa
To come in tonight.

Then all of a sudden
Some ashes and soot
Came from the chimney
Then came a ... foot!

He's here, he's here
I said to myself.
Old Jolly Saint Nick
Without any elf.

I hid even further
Because that I fear
I would get into trouble
If he caught me here.

I watched him put
presents
And gifts under the tree.
Some for my parents
And some ones for me.

When he was done
Up the chimney he went.
He went up first
Then his bag was sent.

When he was gone
I hurried back to bed.
I went under the sheets
And covered my head.

I started to sleep
But decided to pause.
Who would have thought
I saw Santa Claus!

Tom MacLeod
7A

Christmas Day

The day we celebrate
Christmas is the day the
Lord was born in Beth-
lehem. That's why we
have Christmas day
around the world.

Joe Volcey
6A

Santa Claus is Coming

Santa Claus is coming
In the dark of night.
In bed you are sleeping
Waiting for that sight.

In the morning you awake
And run down the stairs.
You see all the presents,
You just stand there and
stare!

Terri Legge
7A

Santa

There once was a jolly
old soul
Who lived at the North
Pole
There he makes toys
To give to the boys
And then he sits in the
coals.

John Graham
6A

Magical Reindeer

I see his reindeer
Flying Through the
Midnight air
With sacks of presents.

Cory Porter
6A

The Joy of Christmas

The joy of Christmas
Is a kitten in the snow.
And a pretty little dog
With a pretty little glow.

Kamala Acero
3B

I Love Christmas

I love Christmas
It's so fun.
And my brother
Wants to get a gun.
I love Christmas
It's a joy.
And I want to get
A special toy.

Janna Obee
3B

Christmas

Christmas is fun. All
boys and girls get
presents and they also
have fun. After they have
a big dinner, they go to
their beds and get in
their beds and go to
sleep.
Love,

Scott McKinlay
3A

Dear Santa,

How are you and your
reindeer this year? I am
fine. How are your Elves
and your wife? I want a
Smurf and a desk. I want
a chalk board and a big
Rubik's cube and a
walking doll for Christ-
mas.

Love, from

Barbie Bridgman
3A

Dear Santa Claus

How are you and your
reindeer? This year I am
fine. How are you, your
Elves and wife? I want a
Smurf and a work bench
and a Rubik's cube.
Love,

Brian Martin
3A



ON EARTH

Sincere thanks to you, our loyal friends and
patrons, for your kindness and support
throughout the year.

Northshore Lawn and
Garden Equipment
Bob & Eleanor Patton

GLORY

May the
CHRIST of
CHRISTMAS
be your joy
all of the year.

HILLSIDE PRO HARDWARE
— Minden —

May your new home be filled
with all the joys of this
Christmas season? Thank you!

MUCH GOOD LUCK!

Chris Miles & Al Clement
C.M. Construction
Minden

**Glad
Tidings**

Management & Staff

PineStone Inn

The Best Christmas Ever

It was the afternoon before Christmas and Johnny had been a very bad boy. Everybody had kept telling him Santa wasn't going to come to him because he was naughty. He sat in his bedroom and thought about doing something good and maybe Santa would come after all.

Johnny went downstairs and asked his mother if she needed any jobs done when she replied "No", he asked if he might go downtown.

He went out on the street and asked everybody if they needed anything done, but they all replied, "No thank-you". As he was walking along a big kid asked him if he would steal for \$5.00 a tape recorder in the window. Right away Johnny said "no" and walked home.

When he told his mom, she replied, "You did the right thing, son".

Next morning when he woke up, he noticed that Santa Claus had been there and he was glad and so was his mom.

Jill Hamilton
7A



Christmas Joy

May you celebrate this special season in the true tradition of love.

Lee Mann

Head Inn

Thank you

.....the most appropriate words we know to convey our gratitude for the friendship and confidence you have shown throughout the past year.

It is truly because of you that our progress has been maintained.

May the coming year bring an abundance of Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity to you and your family.

Merry Christmas

Linda J. Brandon
Insurance

P.O. Box 641, Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0
(705) 286-1795 or 286-2116

Santa's
on his way
to wish all

Merry Christmas

Moore Lake Marine Ltd.
Tom and Carol Thompson
YAMAHA

Season's Greetings

We take this opportunity to extend warmest wishes to our many friends. Hope you are heading for the happiest holiday season ever!

THE PINE SHOP

MANAGEMENT
AND STAFF

May all the natural goodness of the season fill you with health and happiness. Our abundant thanks

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Agnew's Red & White
Management & Staff
Wilberforce

Why December 25?

The exact date of Christ's birth has been a contentious issue for centuries. Religious leaders and biblical scholars have calculated dates falling in just about every month of the year as the day of Christ's birth. In most instances the supporting evidence offered by one scholar is just as valid as that presented by another.

It is highly likely that the selection of the December 25 date to mark the birth of the baby Jesus was selected to accommodate a number of these propositions within the Christian church and festivals and celebrations by those outside the church.

The most obvious reason for the December 25 choice is that the date falls immediately after the winter solstice. December 21 marks the day each year when the sun is farthest away from the northern hemisphere of the earth. The days, up to that date have grown increasingly shorter and the nights longer.

Following December 21 the reverse trend is true. And while the worst of winter may not be over, the lengthening days hold promise of the renewed life that spring will bring to the land.

To primitive man, who relied so much on the bounty of nature around him, this change of the season was very important. This time of the year then, was a time for feasting, sacrifices and celebration.

As Christianity spread through Europe the religious leaders disagreed with the continuation of these pagan celebrations. However, the festivals were so much a part of the lives of the people and the churches did not wish to alienate the new converts, that the two celebrations were joined.

Traditional toasts

"Skoal" ... "Prosit" ... "To your health." Raising a glass of cheer in a toast to long life and health is a holiday tradition round the world. Perhaps the best known of all the toasting traditions is the holiday Wassail Bowl. The word comes from the Anglo-Saxon *wes hal*, meaning "be whole" or "be well." The Wassail Bowl, often of massive silver and decked with ribbons and sprigs of rosemary, was a prominent feature of medieval English Christmas festivities. In those days its good cheer grew from ale, sugar, nutmeg and roasted apples. The Wassail Bowl is still a happy tradition in many homes today, although it now usually contains eggnog or fruit punch.

Some scholars say a decree by Pope Julius I in A.D. 353, authorizing the first observance of the Feast of the Nativity on December 25, is the first formal celebration of what we now know as Christmas. That is a date accepted by most branches of the Christian religion, except the Armenians who selected January 6 as the date of Christ's birth. It is a custom the church has held until this day.

Other celebrations falling at this time of the year included the Roman Saturnalia. The feasting and revelry honour the god of agriculture, Saturn. The Romans included the practice of exchanging gifts as part of

their celebrations.

In Persia the god of light, Mithra, was honoured in similar fashion. For a time Mithraism was a prominent rival to Christianity.

The Jewish community also held their Feast of the Dedication of the Temple at this time of the year.

The Christmas celebration, as we know it, appears to have evolved from these and many other celebrations. In accommodating these festivities with the Christian beliefs such traditions as the use of trees, the lighting of candles and the giving of gifts have become a part of the fabric of Christmas as we know it today.

Dear Santa,

I want a racing track for Christmas. I like Christmas because you can open presents.

Michael Wingat
2B

On Christmas morning I can hardly wait to open the presents. I got a doll that talks. I got a short cake doll so that's why I like Christmas.

Kellie Hall
3B

Christmas night

Santa came down the chimney and all the children ran and hugged him. Kamala got a Smurf and her other sister got a big, big dog and they all said Merry Christmas.

Michelle McKnight
2B

Christmas Fun!

*Santa is coming with a bag full of toys,
To bring you a day full of joys.*

*Christmas is coming
How happy you'll be
To find all the presents
Under the tree.*

Nancy Bird
3B

*Christmas is love,
Christmas is giving,
Christmas is hope,
Christmas is sharing,
Christmas is staring at
the boxes of green
and red.*

*And swinging tinsel
overhead.
I love Christmas.
Don't you too?*

Jarett Gentle
3B



A Merry Christmas

May hearts be filled with gladness on His birthday. Thanks.

Tyler's Appliance Repair

Charlie and Beulah
Bob Barclay

R.R. 2 Haliburton

457-1048



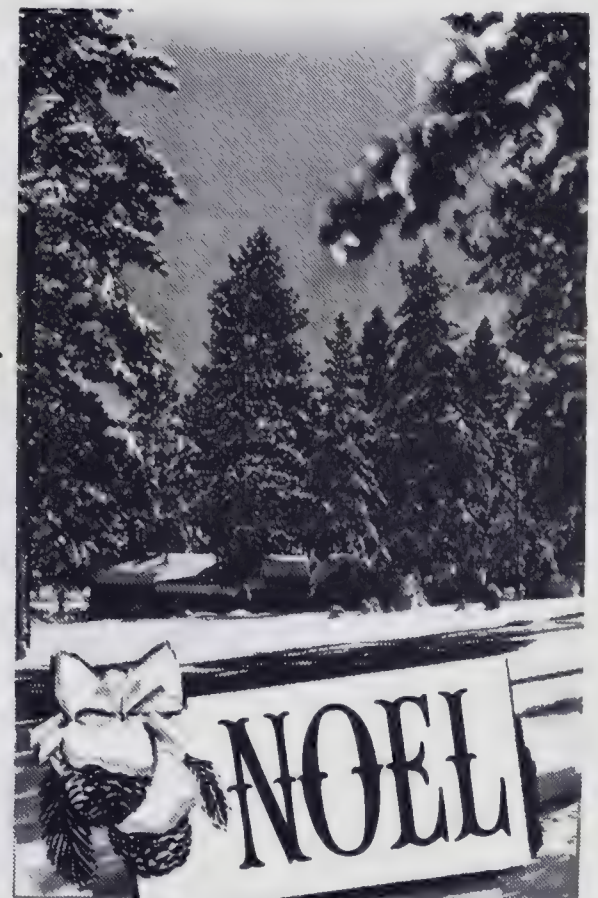
**Lutterworth Township Council
& staff**



**We're sending you our
best wishes for a very
happy holiday! Thanks!**

— Newmarket Precast —

Roy MacDonald Bud Anderson
Highway 35 Minden



May your holiday be filled with blessings and good cheer!

Homestead's Schnitzel House

Irmgard, Otto, Wendy, Steven
& Staff



Mistletoe, the kissing bough

The association between mistletoe and kissing apparently comes from the days of the Druids. Mistletoe was considered a sacred plant by these people. They placed boughs of mistletoe over their

doorways to fend off evil spirits. Those people who passed under the boughs were given a kiss as a show of friendship.

In later days, before Christmas trees became popular, the kissing bough was a common decoration in England. Two hoops were pinned in a circular shape and festooned with ribbons, holly and fruit. In the centre, a lighted candle shone on a manger scene. From this a

sprig of mistletoe was hung and young girls were kissed if they passed beneath or stood under the decoration.

The custom spread from England to North America. Today few homes can boast anything as elaborate as a kissing bough, but many do have a sprig of mistletoe hung over doorways and in other strategic spots and the practice of kissing those who dare to linger too long under the branch continues.

Dear Santa,

Christmas

I would like a truck. I like a remote control truck. How are your reindeer, Santa? If you want a drink, look in our fridge.

Christmas is love, joy and peace. Christmas is gifts, fun and happiness. You get gifts on Christmas Eve. Christmas is Santa's big surprise. Love,

Jerry Bull
3A

Karen Cooper
3A



Under the mistletoe (1865)

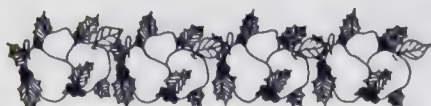
What Christmas Means To Me To Santa,

Christmas means to give and care for one another, and to respect each other. It also means to go Christmas carolling. And go visiting each other. To receive too.

Dustin Davis
3A

I would like a Barbie doll. How is your wife and your reindeer? I would like some fashion plates, maybe the Barbie horse too, and another gerbil and a puppy. I am 8 years old and I live in Minden. Love,

Patty Amyotte
3A



Greetings

MAY THIS HOLIDAY BE FILLED WITH ADVENTURE AND EXCITEMENT FROM BEGINNING TO END!

MINTO-MARINE

EVINRUDE 286-1660

AUTHORIZED DEALER

Greetings

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Don Finn

Julia Robertson	Susie Vasey
Shirley Horsley	Maureen Pearson
Linda Cummins	Beverly Kinsman
Diane Bird	Terry Smith
Glenda Burk	Cheryl Maxwell

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



ED'S TAXI
Minden
286-2425

We will be closed from
6 p.m. December 24 until 6 a.m. December 28



Christmas Greetings

It's all around — that Christmas feeling! May it fill your holiday with warmth, joy and loving thoughts. We hope you enjoy this time to the fullest.

**Stanhope Township Council
& staff**



I saw Dayna kissing Santa Claus, at the Minden arena Thursday evening.



Here's wishing you a purr-fect Christmas holiday... hope it's a tail-wagger in every way! Thanks.

Pete, Sue, Misty and Staff at Minden Animal Clinic

What Christmas Means To Me



Christmas means to have fun and to have coloured lights, to have a Christmas tree, to sing, and for people to come to your house and to have a big feast, and to help people.
Merry Christmas.

**Kelly Newell
3A**



Light the way for a holiday with love and happiness!

A Bright and Merry Christmas

Ann, Don & Leeanna
Don Barker Heating
R.R. 2, Minden

CHRISTMAS CHEER



Merry Christmas and all the best wishes for the coming year.

Management & Staff
Beaconbrook Hotel



Season's Greetings

TRAVELWAYS

HALIBURTON AGENT
Shamrock Service Centre
457-1781

MINDEN AGENT
Mae's Country Mart
286-1369

Look out Santa Claus!!

We wouldn't want to be the one to suggest it, simply because we wouldn't want to be the target of a children's revolt, but, when one really thinks about it, this fellow named Saint Nicholas is allowed to take some pretty wide liberties with rules and regulations the average citizen must adhere to.

Why, just the act of jumping down a chimney to gain access to a person's home, is one that would not be taken lightly if anyone else were to try it. It is as sure as holly berries are red, that if anyone else was found gaining entry to a home via the chimney they would be charged with at least one count of break and enter, with a judicially ordered psychological assessment thrown in as well.

With the help of the local OPP detachment, who, by the way, have indicated they have absolutely no intention whatsoever of bringing charges to bear on Santa Claus, here are just some of the violations which the jolly old man in red could be charged with:

- operating a vehicle without proper licence plates affixed front and rear
- unlicensed driver
- operating a vehicle without proper headlights, front and rear
- showing a red light to the front of the vehicle (more on Rudolph later)
- no directional indicators
- improper and unapproved braking system
- no windshield wipers
- no mirror or horn
- making unnecessary noise
- failure to produce evidence of the weight of the vehicle or failing to stop at MTC weigh scales for certification
- failing to drive in marked lane
- racing animals on a public thoroughfare
- driver failed to wear proper seat belt assembly
- no insurance or ownership
- causing a disturbance in or near a public place by singing, shouting or the ringing of bells
- trespassing at night
- as indicated above, break and enter, with intent to eat cookies and milk
- keeping live game in captivity without a licence
- speeding (how else could he visit so many places in one night)
- and finally, there is some question about the sobriety of the lead reindeer, although getting him to blow into the breathalyzer may be a difficult task

Santa and sleigh may break a lot of laws in his efforts to deliver the toys Christmas Eve, but it's highly unlikely that any officer of any police force would dare to give the annual visitor a citation.



Joyous Greetings



In the true spirit of this season, we extend our good wishes.

Management & Staff of
Haliburton Marine Limited

Haliburton

Best Wishes

May you experience all the wonder and joy that is Christmas!

Miss Nora
Hairstyling

HAPPY HOLIDAY



TOM PRENTICE TRUCKING

Tom, Marg, Jack, Tommy, Terry and Tony



Santa had his lap full Saturday afternoon as he listened to requests from children at the Brown Owl Restaurant in Minden. Santa, Wayne Cox, had a warm welcome for all the youngsters, including this trio, Kimmy, Chris and Timmy Robinson.

Dear Santa Claus

I have been a good girl this year. I would like a doll, a Smurf, and a big one too. In the morning I run to my mom and dad's room and then we go in the livingroom. We see all the toys.

Love,

Tammy Walker
3A

Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, Santa comes and boys and girls have lots of fun. My sister has been good all year. Please give her a doll of tears.

David Nicholls
3A

The Story of - Christmas

Once upon a time long, long ago in Bethlehem there was a baby born named Jesus, the Saviour from God.

Carrol-Ann Titus
3A

FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS ALIKE,
JOIN TOGETHER IN
CELEBRATION OF THIS
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

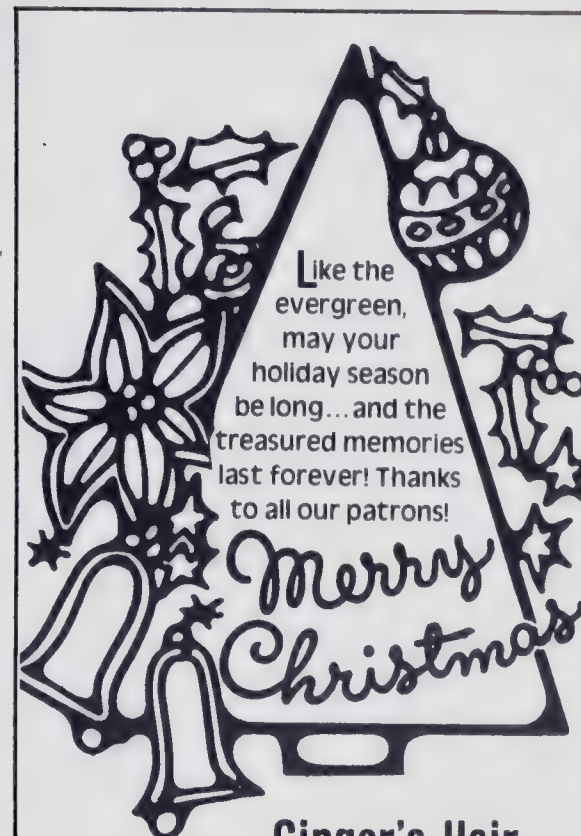


the staff at the
Village Shoppe
Haliburton



**May the season bring
you every Happiness!**

**Northland
Sales**



**Ginger's Hair
Cutting Shop**

Lutterworth Pines

286-3074

Merry Christmas



Gather 'round the tree for song . . . laughter.

Rekindle friendships . . . extend good tidings to all.

Reeve - Lloyd Walker, Deputy Reeve - Douglas Pritchard
Councillors - Larry Cummins, Lyle McKnight, Ed Pergolas

**The Townships of
ANSON, HINDON and MINDEN**

First card sent in 1843

Christmas is a traditional time for extending best wishes to friends and relatives. The most common vehicle for getting those wishes across is the Christmas card.

Even before the Christmas card was "invented" friends had exchanged written notes, which sometimes included a Christmas design.

In 1843, a businessman Sir Henry Cole, who found the season was too busy to afford him the luxury of writing out each and every card he wanted to send, commissioned John Calcott Horsley to design a greeting card that would require nothing more than his signature. One thousand cards were printed and sold that year, each costing one shilling.

The first Christmas card featured a central scene depicting a family seated at the dinner table, their faces turned toward the reader and their glasses raised in a toast for the season. Two side panels showed scenes of charity. A simple "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you" greeting was printed on the card.

It took a while for the custom of sending Christmas cards to take hold. As mail service and printing improved, the card trade at Christmas grew in leaps and bounds.

As well as bringing greetings and news from friends and relatives, the Christmas card can be used as a decoration around the house. It is common practice in most homes to proudly show off the cards received either by hanging them from ribbons and string around doorways or by displaying them on mantelpieces.

The increased costs of postage and the cards has

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. How is Rudolph's nose and your elves? I want a pair of skates, and a remote control car and I hope that you can bring it this year.

Robbie Stata
3A

It's time to be jolly,
It's time to be gay,
Because Santa Claus
Is on his way.

Jennifer Ann Purc
3B

I hope when Santa
comes down the
chimney,
He's not in danger,
Because I want him to
bring me the Lone
Ranger.

Greg Hewitt
3B



This is not the first, but rather the second Christmas card ever printed. It was printed for the 1844 season.

resulted in a reduction in the number sent each year. Many people find it less expensive and more convenient to place a greeting in a local paper, paring the card list down to their closest acquaintances.

Greeting cards for Christmas are manufactured by many companies. In the past few years a number of charitable organizations have become involved in the retailing of Christmas cards.

Purchasers of such cards know that not only is the greeting bringing a message of friendship to the recipient, but a portion of the funds spent on the cards help to spread goodwill.



**LET
THIS
SONG
OF
PEACE
AND LOVE
SPREAD
THROUGH-
OUT
THE WORLD!**

Dave and Sharon Chatfield
The Framing Studio
— Haliburton —

HEALTH

HOPE

PEACE

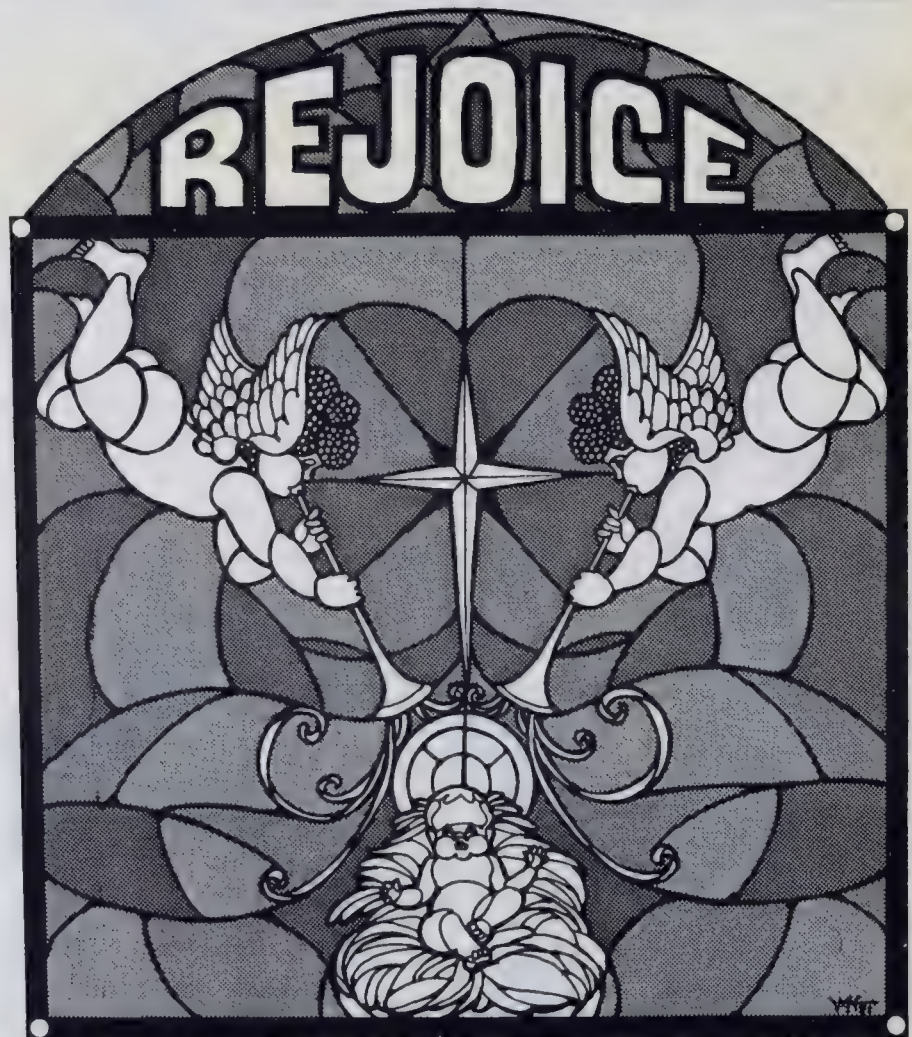
JOY

LOVE



**Let's worship together on this
hollest of holidays! Thanks to all!**

management and staff
of
Haliburton Lumber



Let us be filled with contentment on this Christmas Day...as we reflect upon the miracle of His birth. Peace, love and joy to all!

Peter D. J. Curry Ron J. Curry Brian L. Black Mark Scheffee Mary Pearsell
Marjorie Howard John McNeil Randy Barnum Don A. Popple Dale Emmerson
Russell Baker Lloyd Swinson Carman Coumbs John Johnson Peter Smith Vernon Boles
Cleve Shaw D. B. (Joe) Iles Allen Bull Wren Billings Bruce Swinson Russell Crawford
Ralph Hutchinson Tim Deremo Mike MacNaull Lorne Morrison Len N. Salvatori
Doug Whittaker Glen Smith Dave Cook Lyle Reynolds Helen Burk Brenda Ellis
Kelly Mitchell

CURRY MOTORS "Your Friendly G.M. Dealer"



Dear Santa,

I would like a remote control car set. I also would like a learn to drive set. I also would like a tape recorder. How are your reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I will leave a lunch for you.

Tim Reid
3A



We're delivering our sincere thanks to you and yours!

Paulette's

Main St.

Haliburton

Dear Santa,

How are you? I like you very much. I hope you bring me a remote control car and a 3 decker stereo and a coat and ski pants.

How is Mrs. Claus? I am fine.

Kevin Ian Fairey
3A



At this merry time of the year, we hope all the best comes to you! Thanks for your loyal patronage!



from the staff at
Freightmaster Ltd.
— Minden —



We're loaded with good cheer and wishes for the merriest time ever!

Management and staff at
Austin's ESSO
and
Superior Muffler

At
Christmas

May you be blessed with the Heavenly Spirit of this wonderful season.

We hope His message will serve as an inspiration to you, for all time.



Carnarvon Building Supplies

Merrill Bailey Donna Bailey Muriel Bailey Jennifer Bailey Johnston Bailey
Jim Harrison Gary Bailey Pam Rolfe Rick Bailey Clinton Cameron Candice Hastings
Eric Thompson Lew Dummitt Ralph Johnson Cecil Bailey Eleanor Harrison
Scott Welch Greg McKay Kevin Harrison

Gift giving is a worldwide tradition

Many theories exist as to the origins of the almost universal Christmas practice of exchanging gifts. Most people of the Christian religion point to the offerings brought to the manger by the shepherds and three wise men as basis for the custom.

However, the giving of gifts at this time of the year is a tradition that can be traced to a number of origins.

The early Romans used the celebration of the god of agriculture, Saturn, as a time for exchanging presents. The custom was to give sacred branches, dolls and cardles. The practice of the rich sharing with the poor was also part of the festival of Saturnalia.

Saint Nicholas, in his many forms, is often credited with being the bringer of gifts, especially to young children.

In northern Europe, children place their shoes on the hearth in anticipation of his arrival on the eve of the St. Nicholas feast day, December 6. In Holland it is still a

common custom for Saint Nicholas to visit on December 5 with his companion, Black Peter. The Saint's visit is to determine which of the children deserve gifts. Those who are found to be undeserving can be carried away in a canvas sack carried by Black Peter.

In Germany and Switzerland it is believed that a Christ child, a messenger from the infant Jesus, mysteriously delivers gifts to all the children on Christmas Eve. The word Christkindle, meaning Christ child has evolved to Kriss Kringle, a name by which we sometimes refer to Santa Claus.

Spanish children await the coming of the wise men on January 6. On the eve of Epiphany, Spanish children leave their shoes filled with straw for the camels and awaken to find surprises left by the three kings of the orient.

The children of Italy await the arrival of La Befana, the name coming from Epiph-

ania. She is a female Santa, who legend has it, became lost when the star of Christmas first appeared in the sky. She has wandered ever since, leaving gifts at each home, just in case the Christ child is within.

The North American traditions have been long established with children hanging a stocking by the fire place in anticipation of Santa's arrival.

In almost all cases the giver of gifts has magical powers with which he can observe the activities of young children throughout the year to determine if they are deserving of his largesse.

Saint Nicholas, Kriss Kringle, Santa Claus or whatever name you wish to use, the practice of giving gifts at Christmas is one that continues as a strong tradition in most Christian cultures.



Dear Santa,

I would like a remote control car, and a Dukes of Hazzard car with Bo and Duke and a giant size Smurf, and a four wheel truck, and a Rubik's cube and a tape recorder.

Randy Bull
3B

Happiness of Christmas is - joy, gifts, love, fun, goodness of the birth of Baby Jesus, and the other things on Christmas Day.

Cathy Martin
3B

Christmas is giving, not getting. When you give something the other one should get it. When you give something, don't ask for anything.

Robbie Kraemer
2B

Can you bring me a coat like Barbie and a tape recorder?
Love,

Joanne Stamp
3A

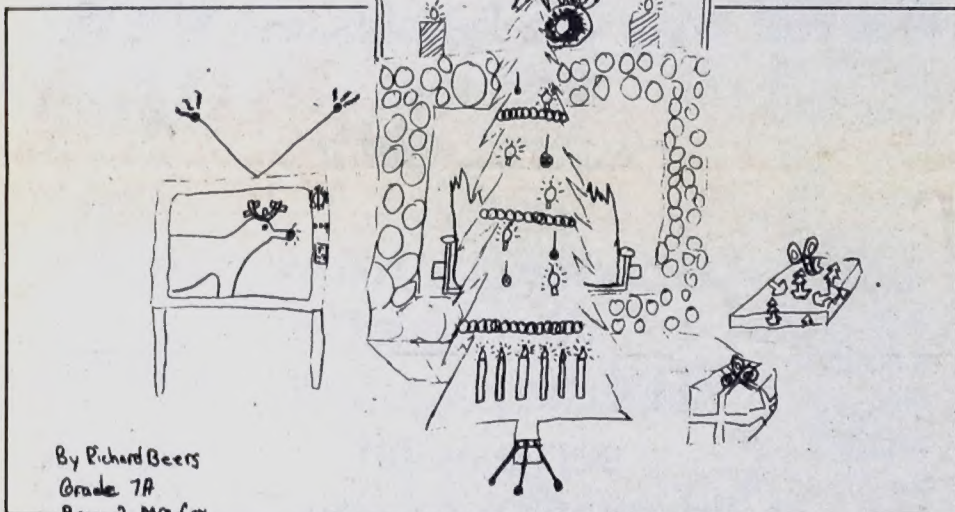


KICK UP
YOUR
HEELS...

ENJOY THIS
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

the girls at

Becker's



By Richard Beers
Grade 7A
Room 2 Mrs Cox
Age 12.



With our sincere thanks, we wish a happy holiday season to all!

Nancy, Elaine, Brenda and Marie

Nancy's Flowers

Haliburton
457-2222 754-2516



We're joining these carolers in their heartfelt refrain: Peace on earth . . . good will toward men. Season's best to all. To all, our special thanks.



286-1351

John Jr., Linda Rod and John at "Home".



Old-Fashioned Wishes

We take this opportunity to wish all our friends a wonderful Christmas holiday

FLOYD HALL LIMITED

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF



Christmas is
when baby
Jesus has a
birthday Jennifer



Greetings from management and staff at

Robert Case Realty

— Minden —



Hope the holiday is filled with pleasant surprises! Thanks.

Don
Elaine
Shane
& Warna



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's coming down the slopes with holiday greetings . . . direct from us to all of you. Have a merry, cheery Christmas! Jolly thanks loyal patrons!

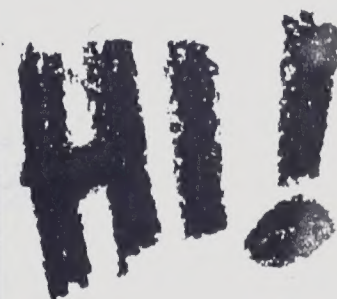
from the staff at

MABEL'S CUT N' CURLS



Sid
Harold
Richard

Jennifer
Lloyd
Bob



Christmas — time to pause to greet old friends and new, time to draw close to those we love. It's our fond hope that all our patrons will enjoy the best of the holiday season!

**Sid Stamp
Fuels Ltd.**

Your Wolf Stove
dealer

Christmas Kittens

It was the morning after Christmas,
And all through the barn,
Ten little kittens
Were playing with yarn.

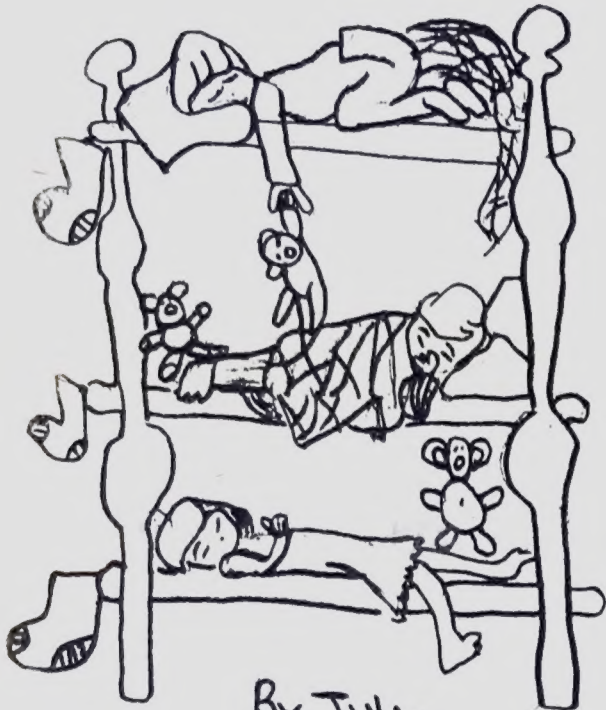
One's name was Harry,
Another one was Dock,
Another little guy,
Got stuck in his sock.

Two little others,
Were playing with a ball,
And the only little girl,
Was playing with her doll.

Two little others,
Were playing with a gun,
Their mother asked them what they were doing,
And they said they were having fun.

The last two little guys,
Asked for a dollar to spend,
And that my dear people,
Happens to be the end.

Derek Little
7A



By Julia
Holiday
Rhodes
7A/2 years

My Christmas Tree

My Christmas tree,
My Christmas tree,
My Daddy got it just for
me.

It was such fun to
decorate
I got to stay up extra
late.

Holly Archer
3B

My dog thinks the
Christmas tree
Is more than something
Just to see
And swings the balls
over head.

Greg Sisson
2B





...we're wishing
you a happy and
healthy Christmas!

The Andersons at
Minden **MEDLEY'S PIZZA** 286-1676



We're hoping the holiday
brings you all the joys of the
season, shared with friends
and loved ones...today and always!
To all our many good friends and loyal customers,
thank you for your patronage.

Bill, Ginger and Nicholas Kulas and staff at
Easton's Red & White Foodmaster

— Minden —

Merry Christmas

The
best and
the most
beautiful
things in
the world
cannot be
seen or
even touched
.....they must be felt with the heart.
Season's Greetings



Chris & Ed Pergolas